

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include all of the limitations recited in claim 2, thereby necessitating cancellation of claim 2 and change of dependency to claims 3-5.

Applicants have also amended claims 32 and 34 to promote clarity. Finally, Applicants have cancelled claims 6, 12-18, 23-30, 33, and 35-39.

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1, 3-5, 7-11, 19-22, 31, 32, and 34 will be pending and examined. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested in view of the following remarks.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-5, 7-11, 19-25, and 27-39 are rejected for indefiniteness on several grounds. Applicants will address each ground below:

The Examiner has asserted that claim 1 is unclear and suggested combining claims 1 and 2. For the sole interest of moving this application toward allowance, Applicants has made the suggested amendment.

The Examiner has also asserted that the terms "said portion of the multiple-bit data" and "said portion" recited respectively in claims 31 and 32 do not have antecedent basis. Claims 31 and 32 depend from claim 1, which, as amended, recites "a portion of the multiple-bit data" (see lines 9-10 of claim 1). Thus, both terms at issue have antecedent basis. Of note, Applicants have substituted "said portion of the multiple-bit data" for "said portion" in claim 32 to promote clarity.

In addition, the Examiner has pointed out various deficiencies in claims 23-25, 27-30, 33 and 35-39. Applicants have cancelled these claims.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the Examiner's rejections have been overcome.

Allowable subject matter

The Examiner has asserted that "[c]laims 1-5, 7-11, 19-25, and 27-39 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph." See the Office Action mailed September 9, 2005, page 3, lines 16-17.

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As discussed above, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph are believed to have been overcome. As such, pending claims 1, 3-5, 7-11, 19-22, 31, 32, and 34 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the rejections asserted by the Examiner have been overcome and all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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